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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS: REQUEST PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE

REF.: 74 HELSINKI A-85

1. POST REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR HANNU RAUTKALLION WHO WILL BE TRAVELING TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON AT HIS OWN EXPENSE. RAUTKALLIO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINNISH FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENCE POLICY. HE IS ACTIVE IN FINNISH CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND ALSO WRITES COLUMN REGULARLY FOR ILTA-SANOMAT, HELSINKI INDEPENDENT AFTERNOON DAILY, CIRCULATION 92,000, AND OCCASIONAL ARTICLES FOR KANAVA, FINLAND'S LEADING INTELLECTUAL MONTHLY. RAUTKALLIO COMING TO US TO COLLECT FINAL MATERIAL FOR PHD THESIS "SHAPING OF FINLAND'S FOREIGN TRADE POLICY FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE" DEALING WITH 1917-1925 PERIOD. FINNISH NATIONAL ARCHIVES HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO PURCHASE FROM RAUTKALLIO ALL MICROFILM MATERIAL PROCURED IN U.S. RAUTKALLIO HAS MADE CONTACT WITH NATIONAL ARCHIVES, WASHINGTON.

2. WHILE IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK RAUTKALLIO ALSO DESIRES INTERVIEW US OFFICIALS/EXPERTS TO DISCUSS ASPECTS AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES, SUCH AS INTERNAL PROBLEMS, TRENDS IN UNIVERSITIES, CONTINUING EDUCATION, TEACHING, RESEARCH, ADMINISTRATION, JOB PLACEMENT, AND CONSORTIUMS AMONG UNIVERSITIES. RAUTKALLIO VISITED MOSCOW LAST FALL AND IS CONSIDERING ORGANIZING, UNDER AUSPICES OF FOUNDATION, MEETING OF US AND EASTERN EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS. WHILE IN U.S. RAUTKALLIO INTERESTED EXPLORING THIS IDEA WITH US CONTACTS.

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3. RAUTKALLIO WAS GRANTED FACILITATIVE ASISTANCE 1974 WHICH
WAS MOST APPRECIATED. FOLLOWING THAT VISIT HE PUBLISHED
ARTICLE IN KANAVA ON CONSORTIA OF UNIVERSITIES IN US, AND THIS
HAS HAD INFLUENCE OF UNIVERSITY PLANNING HERE.

4. POST REQUESTS CU ASSISTANCE FOR RAUTKALLIO SET UP
APPOINTMENTS WASHINGTON DC, ALSO NY. RAUTKALLION ARRIVES US
MAY 4, DAPARTS 28. LAST WEEK TO SPEND IN NEW YORK WHERE HE
INVITED ATTEND COLUMBIA CONFERENCE BALTIC COUNTRIES.

5. IF CU YEAR ENDS FUNDS AVAILABLE POST WOULD APPRECIATE
TWO/THREE WEEKS PER DIEM ASSISTANCE FOR RAUTKALLIO WHO PLAYING
IMPORTANT ROLE IN FINNISH UNIVERSITY/INTELLECTUAL SCENE AND
WHO IS NOW BECOMING ACTIVE POLITICALLY.

6. FOR BIODATA ON RAUTKALLIO SEE A-85 MAY 17, 1974
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